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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
 House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your recent letter forwarding Mr. William C. Triplett's correspondence dealing with the question if whether the publication of William E. Colby's book, Honorable Men, involved a breach of Mr. Colby's employment agreement with the CIA.

This matter is currently under active consideration and it would be inappropriate for me to make any specific comment at this time. As you know, the Agency has placed great emphasis on its employment agreements and we must be careful to maintain their credibility.

I very much appreciate having Mr. Triplett's comments which will be taken into consideration, and I would like to assure him that I share fully his esteem for Mr. Colby for the service he has rendered to his country.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence

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